



News Advisory

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Utah Department of Health to Rollout Testing Plan For 36 Diseases in Utah's 50,000 Newborn Babies

What: During the 2005 Utah State Legislature funding was approved that allows the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) to begin testing all newborn babies for 36 metabolic disorders. Currently, the UDOH tests babies for four disorders. The process of going from four to 36 tests per child is exciting, but there is also a great deal of work yet to be done in order to implement the testing. The UDOH will reveal its plan for when Utah will begin testing at Wednesday's news conference.

Who: Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Dr. David Sundwall, Executive Director, UDOH
A University of Utah doctor who treats children with metabolic disorders
A parent of a child whose disorder was not detected
Advocates for testing

When: Wednesday, March 23, 2005
10 a.m.

Where: The University of Utah Hospital
Second-floor, Hope Chapel
Please check in with the hospital's front desk
Media parking: Park near the valet parking at the main entrance

Why: Now that funding has been approved, it is important to educate parents and health care providers when they can expect newborn babies to be tested and what is involved.

Photo Opportunities:
New parents, newborn babies and laboratory and testing materials.

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